

Rs. 1208.76 lakhs have been released as Central Share to Government of Orissa.

Advance deposit for supply of coal to power plants

*144. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and conditions for the supply of coal to power plants;

(b) whether Government have asked purchasers of coal from the power plant to deposit in advance an amount equivalent to one month's purchase of coal; and

(c) if so, whether the power plants have refused to deposit any money as advance?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) (a) and (b) For the power plants recommended by Ministry of Power for long term coal linkage, Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) functioning in the Department of Coal, based on projected availability of coal and logistics furnished by coal companies and Railways, grants long term linkage to power plants.

Linkage order is issued by the Department of Coal with the following general conditions:—

- (i) A sum equivalent to the cost of one month's value of coal supplies shall be deposited with the coal company concerned as earnest money on signing of the Fuel Supply Agreement.
- (ii) A further sum equivalent to two months' value of coal supplies as commitment advance shall be deposited within one year of signing of the Fuel Supply Agreement.
- (iii) The developer shall enter into a Fuel Supply contract with the coal company within a year from the date of issue of linkage order. Linkage will automatically be cancelled, if this stipulation is not adhered to.

(c) The amount of one month's deposit is not an advance but is an earnest money payable by the developer of the power plants on

execution of Fuel Supply Agreement. This earnest money is refundable as per policy.

Nexus of organised crime with anti-national forces

*148. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether union Government have expressed concern over emerging nexus of organized crime with anti-national forces including militant and fundamentalist organisations;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have taken any concrete steps to break such nexus; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime and terrorism are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. It is for the State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to counter crime and terrorists activities in the States.

The Government of India have adopted a coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of criminals and militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities of criminals and militants, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close inter-action between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and up gradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Funds are also reimbursed to the States under the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, incurred by the States on combating terrorist/militant/extremist activities.

There is a need to further strengthen the existing legal frame work